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U.S. v. Moussaoui

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Subject: Update

Joe,

British authorities

I saw in ACG that you already sent an outlet to [REDACTED]. Thank you very much for your extremely prompt attention in this matter.

I just wanted to update you on where we stand. It seems that thus far ITOS/RFU has determined that we have neither reasonable suspicion that a federal felony was in progress (as needed to open a 265 and pursue search warrants for Moussaoui's effects), or a connection to a foreign power (as necessary to apply for a FISA-authorized search warrant for his effects). I don't agree, but they're in charge.

Here's the unpalatable option we face (in about one week) in the absence of either of the above outcomes:

- Under the terms of the visa waiver program, INS deports Moussaoui to the UK (his country of origin) with all of his property, including his 747 manuals (and with nothing searched).

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- Even assuming that [REDACTED] is ready to pick him up at Heathrow when he arrives (and assuming they have the legal tools to search his effects), he will have had the preceding 8 hours to clean the hard drive on his laptop and to ea/shred or otherwise render illegible all of his paperwork.

- That puts the UK authorities back where they were before we alerted to Moussaoui, only now he's that much more careful.

Therefore, this is a plea to you to see what they the UK authorities have on him that will either:

Help us establish that he is acting on behalf of a foreign power (which RFU seems to think must be a named group or a country)

or,

Help us to establish that he is involved in the commission of a federal offense against the U.S. (it's obviously less likely [REDACTED] will be able to help with this one).

British authorities

Thanks in advance.

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